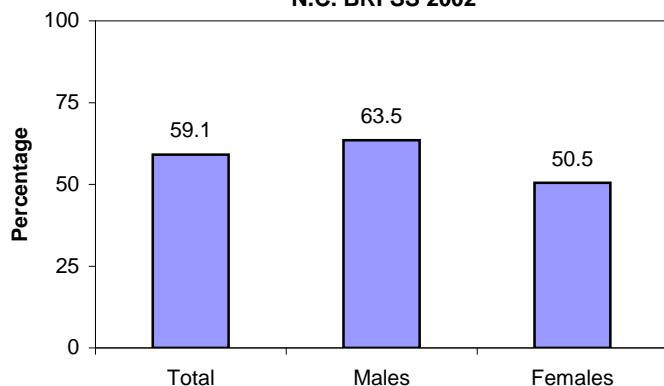


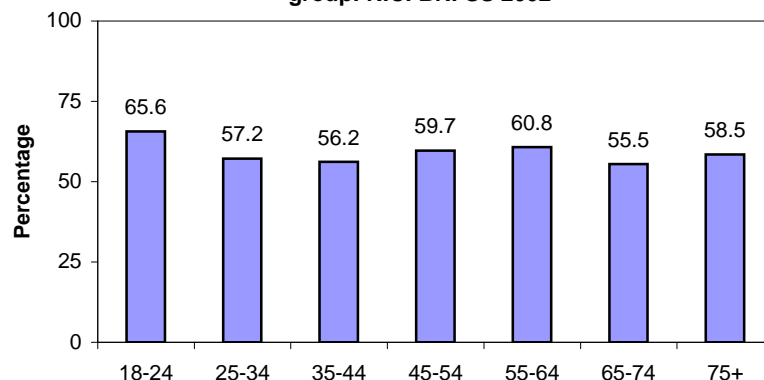
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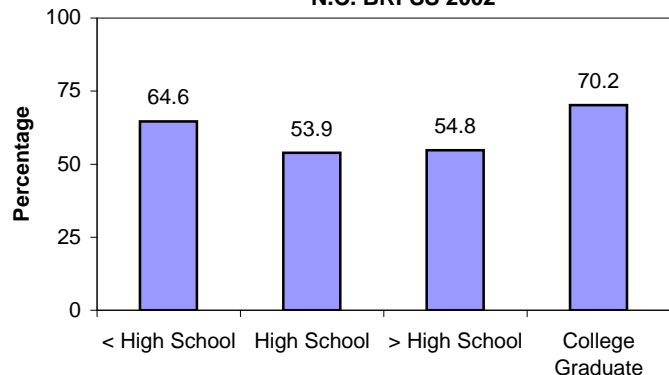
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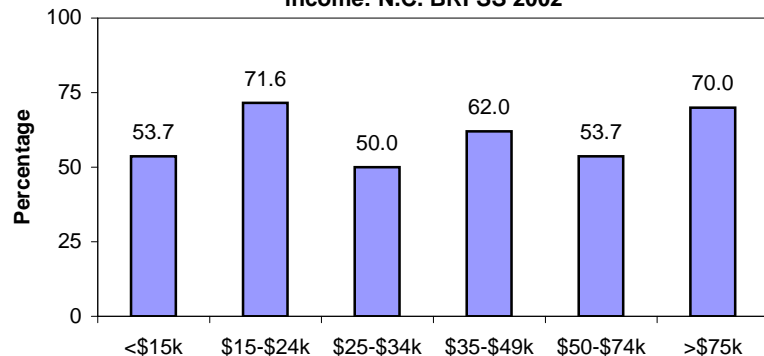
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Percentage of firearm owners in N.C. who reported keeping a loaded unlocked firearm in or around their home, by income: N.C. BRFSS 2002



Weighted to provide estimates representative of the adult non-institutionalized population; firearm owners who reported keeping loaded unlocked weapons such as pistols, shotguns, and rifles in their home, garage, outdoor storage area, or motor vehicle. Unlocked is defined as not requiring a key or combination to access or fire the weapon. Specific data on 95 percent confidence intervals is at the N.C. BRFSS website: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/brfss.

The N.C. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (N.C. BRFSS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of the injury-related problems and measuring progress toward overall statewide goals. N.C. BRFSS is a comprehensive telephone survey of adults ages 18 and older. The sample size for the 2002 N.C. BRFSS was nearly 7,000. Every year a core set of injury-related questions are asked. In 2002, twelve injury-related questions were asked on the topics of seat belts, firearms, sexual assault, and physical assault. The sampling scheme has been designed to produce estimates for local levels (22 counties and 13 regions) and for special populations such as Native Americans and Spanish-speaking and English-speaking Hispanics. See the N.C. BRFSS website for more information, specific details on item responses, and data limitations: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/brfss.